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Obama, Putin in showdown as Syria put on G20 menu

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Bye-Bye Bushiri; Hello Hard Rock!

Government & developers sign agreement for leasing land of former Bushiri Resort



Minister Sevinger signs in the presence of Mr. Baiz

Aruba's Prime Minister, Mike Eman, was very pleased yes-

Immigration, Infrastructure and Environment, Benny Sevinger, were very pleased to confirm that all stipulations of

terday morning to join island media to observe the commitment of replacing the long-abandoned Bushiri Resort on the western outskirts of Oranjestad with a glittering Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, finally made official.

The sincere interest of the Hard Rock Hotel franchise in establishing a major resort on Aruba was announced in April of 2012, but the acquisition of the 40% equity, approximately \$43 million dollars, was delaying the finalization of the contract.

Local developers, Southwest HORECA N.V., represented by Managing Director Milko Baiz, and the Minister of

the development agreement have been met. This was made official by signing the contract awarding Southwest HORECA the real estate upon which the abandoned Bushiri now stands; the new hotel will be built on lease land.

Prime Minister Eman expressed his great satisfaction in seeing this major project finally approved. He admitted among the many beautification projects taking place under his administration, replacing the Bushiri "which had become an eyesore," was

a priority. He particularly congratulated Minister of Tourism, Transport & Labor, Otmar Oduber, for his unstinting efforts in seeing this new project realized.

Minister Oduber announced he was very pleased to see this prime tourism area "a section of the island that at least 95% of our visitors are bound pass by at some point," will again be a showcase for Aruba's tourism product.

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Bye-Bye Bushiri; Hello Hard Rock!

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PM Eman with Ministers Oduber and Sevinger

The groundbreaking agreement with the Hard Rock Hotel franchise also stipulates the new resort will also embody the principals of the original facility opened 30 years ago. The Aruba Hard Rock Hotel & Casino will

but admittedly tends to attract a younger niche. The presentation included several impressive renderings of the planned resort, which will greatly expand the pool and beach areas outward to the sea. This will include several



Hard Rock Director of Casino Operations Eddie Lynn

Casino would be the franchise's sixth in the Caribbean, and their first resort to be combined with a hotel training facility. "We find the idea very unique and exciting," he



Dismantling of the Bushiri

also operate as a hotel training school. Minister Oduber was a graduate of the original hospitality service and management academy within the Bushiri Resort. One large dif-

ference is this new resort will not be an all-inclusive resort, as the original one had been. Present for the signing on behalf of the Hard Rock franchise was their Director of Casino Operations, Mr. Eddie Lynn. He gave a presentation of the chain's history, popularity and demographic, "which ranges from 8 to 80"

concluded.

The signing of the lease land contract was a first important step in a long process of attaining building permits,

exclusive amenities, such as elaborate water slides, and waterfalls. A primary aspect of all Hard Rock outlets is the musical ambiance, which would include the hosting of



frequent concerts, aside from regularly scheduled live entertainment, and providing instruments and mixing rooms for rent to guests. The new resort will remain within the physical boundaries of the old resort, without incorporating the adjacent areas.

Mr. Lynn confirmed the Aruba Hard Rock Hotel &

which developers hoped to finish within six months and then break ground. The old Bushiri Hotel is in the process of being completely demolished. The projected completion of the resort and casino, barring expected delays, would be approximately two years.

By Rosalie Klein

Number, validity and color of list of candidates for Elections 2013

ORANJESTAD – The Department of Information (BUVO) announces to the general public that during a public session on August 30, the Electoral Council has determined the validity of the list of candidates for the upcoming government elections of September 27, 2013

On September 3, during another public session, lots were drawn for the sequence of the lists of candidates and at the same time the political parties submitted the color of their respective list.

The sequence on the ballot paper for the elections 2013 is as follows:

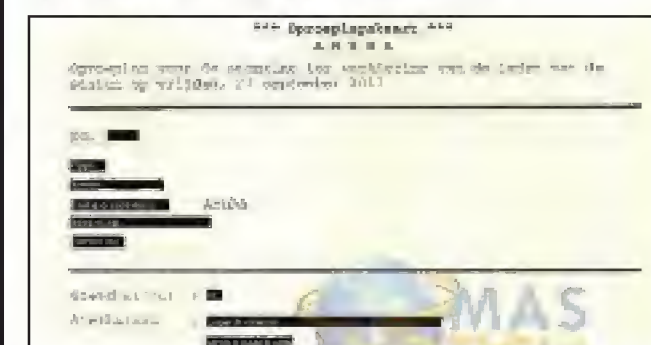
1. PPA, color orange;
2. AVP, color green;
3. Democracia Real, color red;



4. UPP, color blue;
5. MEP, color yellow; and
6. RED, color white.

Readers can see the list of names of all candidates on the Civil Registration and Census Face book page and on the websites www.overheid.aw and www.gobierno.aw

Duplicates of voting card available after September 9



BUVO also announces that the Aruba Postal Services has received all voting card for distribution. In accordance with art. 38 of our Electoral Ordinance, all voters must receive their voting card 8 days

before the Election Day, which is Friday, September 27, 2013. All those who have not received their voting card by September 9, can pass at the Census office in the Schoolstraat for a duplicate, from 15:30 to 18:30.

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By: Roland W. Peterson

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Kiwanis Club calls out to the community to support their Gala fundraising event

Recently, the Kiwanis Club of Aruba announced their annual fundraising event – the famous 'Wine Gala Event.'

This year the Club will be holding their Wine Gala Event on Saturday, September 28th at the Renaissance Convention Center from 8:30 to 2:30 am. The theme this year will be "Havana Nights" where decorations and the dress code will be in the elegant style of Havana, Cuba. The music and food will also have a Cuban accent.

All funds collected during the event will be destined to cover their different charity projects for the benefit of the Aruban community. As an example, some of the projects are the sponsorship of youth Key Club, Builders Club and Action Club at secondary schools, their Back to School special project, Christmas elderly Party, and Smile Makers for the dental care of children. They also sponsor

Panda Book against sexual abuse of minors, Kamishubai to stimulate reading and writing for children. And, of course their annual Outstanding Student Awards program of secondary schools at the end of each academic year.

Tickets are being sold for Afls.350 per couple by all Kiwanis Club of Aruba members or by calling 593-9244. The ticket includes an entire night of wine stations, cheese buffet and a Cuban buffet. There will also be a separate cash bar for drinks. Music will be performed by Tsunami, Robert Jeandor & Su Solo Banda Show and Sazon Cubano. There will be door prizes, namely, a two week stay for 2 persons in Havana, Cuba including travel ticket, and more.

Special mention and thanks were expressed to the various wine suppliers who are contributing again this year to the Kiwanis Wine

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The Kiwanis Club of Aruba is appealing to all of our community to support the event by buying tickets for the Havana Nights Wine Gala Event. Your contribution is for an excellent cause and you also get the opportunity to enjoy a fabulous evening.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world through children and through the support of the community. Kiwanis Club of Aruba has been active in our local community since 1964. For more information, visit their website at: www.kiwanis-aruba.org.

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The kitchen is the beloved effort of well known island chef, Jeffrey Roy Elliott, the master in the kitchen of Elliott's Italian restaurant adjacent to Costa Linda. Jeffrey has gone back to his Jamaican roots for this enthu-



Jeffrey Elliott and wife Daisy

siastic effort with his wife Daisy, who loves being the happy hostess. The regular menu features the traditional cuisine such as Jerk Chicken, Fried Chicken, Beef oxtail, Stewed Pork, Jerk Pork, Fried Fish plus a house specialty, Curried Goat. These are regular items, but Jeffrey prefers to pepper his menu with various "Specials of the Day" made from what is fresh and seasonal.

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On the occasion of the celebration of the special department for women's affairs, CEDEHM, Minister of Economics and Social Affairs, Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer, related information from her 2009 visit to the United Nations in Geneva where she presented one of Aruba's needs - a department specifically dedicated to women's affairs.

The Minister expressed her satisfaction with having created the Center for Development of Women (CEDEHM).

Today, she said, "we have pleasure in saying welcome to two other instances, namely, the Pro Lechi Mama (Pro Breastfeeding) and the Drumi Dushi Fundacion (Sleep Well Foundation)."

They were able to look back at the past four years

and appreciate a beautiful presentation of an exposition of a group of women participating in a program called "Breaking the Silence." This program focuses on domestic violence. At the exposition there are artistic works also by men illustrating what CEDEHM wants to achieve - the unification of men with their partners without violence.

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Angelina Jolie, Steve Martin to get Academy awards

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is to give a prestigious humanitarian award to Hollywood A-lister Angelina Jolie for her "impassioned" campaigning work, the Oscar-bestowing body announced Thursday.

The Academy's board of governors will also give honorary awards to veteran actors Steve Martin and Angela Lansbury, as well as Italian costume designer Piero Tosi, whose work includes the

1971 classic "Death in Venice."

Jolie, who won the best supporting actress Oscar in 2000 for her role in "Girl, Interrupted," has been an "impassioned advocate for humanitarian causes, traveling widely to promote organizations and social justice efforts," the Academy said.

The actress, whose partner is Brad Pitt and who announced in May that she had undergone a double mastectomy to reduce her high risk

of breast cancer, has staked out "a career at the nexus of entertainment and philanthropy," it said.

Jolie has worked for advocacy groups including the Council on Foreign Relations and was named a special envoy for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in 2012 after 12 years of service, it noted.

She will be given the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award, previous recipients of which include Jeffrey Katzenberg,

Oprah Winfrey, Jerry Lewis, Sherry Lansing, Arthur Miller, Quincy Jones, Paul Newman and Elizabeth Taylor.

The Academy will also present Honorary Awards to 68-year-old comic actor Martin, who has hosted the Oscars three times; three-times Oscar nominee Lansbury, 87, and 86-year-old Tosi, whose other Oscar nominated costume design credits include "La Cage Aux Folles" (1978).

All four awards, which come in the form of Oscar

statuettes like those given out at the Academy Awards, will be presented at the Academy's 5th Annual Governors Awards on Saturday, November 16.

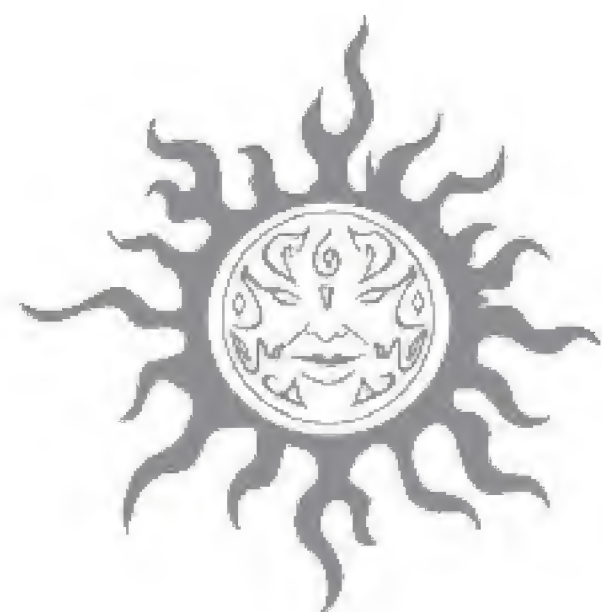
"The Governors Awards pay tribute to individuals who've made indelible contributions in their respective fields," said Academy President Cheryl Boone Isaacs.

The 2014 Academy Awards, the climax of Hollywood's annual awards season, will be held on March 2 next year.

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Brazil halts preparations for Rousseff US trip

BRASÍLIA, Brazil (AFP) - Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff has halted advance preparations for a Washington visit, officials said Thursday, amid a row over reports she was targeted by US spies.

A spokeswoman for Rousseff said a trip by a Brazilian delegation to prepare for the president's October 23 visit to Washington "was cancelled."

The spokeswoman did not say why the trip was cancelled, or whether it might rescheduled, but it comes after Brazil demanded explanations from Washington for reports that the US National Security Agency (NSA) spied on her communications.

Rousseff, who is in Saint Petersburg, Russia for a G20 meeting that includes US

President Barack Obama, "wants a retraction by the government of the United States," the spokeswoman said.

A Brazilian foreign ministry spokesman told AFP "the technical mission was postponed" and added that "the expectation is it will take place" later.

"We are waiting for a formal explanation from the US government," he said. He said it has not been provided so far.

Asked whether Rousseff would meet with Obama on the sidelines of the G20 meeting, the presidential spokeswoman said "there is still nothing planned but she still has until tomorrow."

US national security spokesman Ben Rhodes told

reporters in St Petersburg that the White House had not been informed of any delay to planning for Rousseff's visit Washington and planned talks with Obama.

"I'm not aware of that. I know that they are seeing each other. I think they're seating next to each other at the G20 sessions actually, so I'm sure they'll have an opportunity to talk," he said.

"I addressed this earlier today, in terms of our commitment to work with them, to understand their concern around the NSA issue, that's what we'll continue to do."

The October 23 visit would be Rousseff's first to Washington, and the first state visit by a foreign leader this year.



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Obama, Putin in showdown as Syria put on G20 menu

SAINT-PETERSBURG (AFP) - President Vladimir Putin on Thursday allowed world leaders to thrash out their bitter differences on the Syria crisis at the G20 summit over dinner, as US President Barack Obama pressed the case for military action in the face of strong Russian opposition.

As tensions over the Syrian conflict threatened to torpedo the working schedule of the G20 summit outside Saint Petersburg, Putin made a last minute announcement for participants to air their views over dinner.

Russia has led opposition to US-led military action against the Syrian President Bashar al-Assad over a chemical attack on August 21 outside Damascus that Washington says was perpetrated by the regime.

In New York, the US envoy to the United Nations accused Russia of holding the UN Security Council hostage while British Prime Minister David Cameron said London had fresh evidence of chemical weapons use.

In a new bid for a peaceful solution for Syria, the UN announced that its special envoy Lakhdar Brahimi was on his way to attend the summit to push for peace talks.

Russia meanwhile said Syria's Foreign Minister Walid Muallem would travel to Moscow on Monday as Obama seeks to convince US lawmakers to approve military action.

No information filtered out about the exchanges at the closed-door dinner hosted by Putin at the luxurious imperial palace of Peterhof outside Saint Petersburg.

Putin and Obama put on a

show of smiles for the cameras as they shook hands just before the summit got under way on the shores of the Gulf of Finland.

Syria's allies remained unmoved by Obama's push, with Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei calling allegations of an August 21 chemical weapons attack by the regime a "pretext" to launch strikes against the country, and pledging to support Damascus "until the end".

A British source told AFP that a soil and cloth sample taken from the site of the alleged chemical attack in the Syrian capital "has tested positive for sarin".

--- "War cannot solve the problem" ---

Beyond convincing Russia, Obama has a tough sell ahead elsewhere, with China -- another veto-wielding Security Council member -- having already expressed its "grave concerns" over unilateral military strikes.

A political solution is the only way to end the Syria crisis, a senior Chinese official said on Thursday, warning world powers to be "highly prudent" over the issue.

"War cannot solve the problem in Syria," Chinese delegation spokesman Qin Gang told reporters at the G20.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel has repeatedly ruled out her country's participation in any US-led military strike against Assad's regime, while the British parliament has also rejected the idea.

EU president Herman van Rompuy said while the Damascus chemical attack was "a crime against humanity" there is "no military solution to the Syrian conflict".



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Pacific nations agree to cut bluefin tuna catches

TOKYO (AFP) - Asia-Pacific fishing nations and territories agreed on Thursday to cut catches of young bluefin tuna by 15 percent, with an agreement environmentalists said would not stop overfishing.

Nine economies, including the United States, China, South Korea and Taiwan, concluded a four-day meeting of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) in Fukuoka, western Japan.

The participants agreed to reduce the amount of bluefin tuna aged three years or younger in 2014 by 15 percent of the average between 2002 and 2004, a Japanese fisheries agency official said.

The United States had pro-

posed a 25-percent reduction, but a majority of participants, concerned about the impact on local fishing industries, agreed on the 15-percent cut proposed by Japan, the official said.

Greenpeace immediately denounced the reduction, saying only a total ban on catching bluefin tuna -- at least until a sign of clear recovery of the species can be confirmed -- was enough.

Greenpeace also called on Japan -- the world's biggest consumer of tuna -- to take the lead in adopting effective measures "to assure the sustainability of fishing bluefin tuna in the Pacific".

Environmentalists say industrial-scale fishing that takes large amounts of young tuna from the ocean before they are old enough to breed is destroying the population of a fish highly-prized in Japan's sushi restaurants.

Taliban shoot dead female Indian author in Afghanistan

KHOST (AFP) - Suspected Taliban militants shot dead the Indian author Sushmita Banerjee, writer of a popular book about her dramatic escape from the Taliban in the 90s, in eastern Afghan province of Paktika on Wednesday night, police said on Thursday.

"We found her bullet riddled body near Madrassa on the outskirts of Sharan city (the provincial capital) this morning," provincial police chief Dawlat Khan Zadran told AFP, confirming earlier reports from Indian media.

Ms Banerjee, 49, was a fairly well-known writer whose book "Kabuliwala's Bengali Wife", about her dramatic escape from the Taliban was made into a Bollywood film in 2003.

Bishops in US come out against military strikes on Syria

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Leaders of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States opposed military action against Syria saying it would lead to "unintended negative consequences."

In a letter to President Barack Obama, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops said Washington should instead "work urgently and tirelessly" with others to end Syria's drawn-out civil war.

While condemning the use of chemical weapons in Syria, it said Pope Francis and Christian bishops in the Middle East have both urged the international community to avoid military intervention.

"They have made it clear that a military attack will be counterproductive, will exacerbate an already deadly situation and will have unintended negative consequences," it stated.

Co-signing the letter were



New York's Cardinal Timothy Dolan, president of the Conference, and Bishop Richard Pates of Iowa, chair of its international justice and peace committee.

The Roman Catholic Church is the biggest Christian denomination in the United States.

Pope Francis has declared this Saturday a day of fasting and prayer for Syria, having said last weekend that "God and history" will judge those who use chemical weapons.



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The giant panda cub born 13 days ago at the National Zoo in Washington is female and she has a live-in dad, the zoo said Thursday. Yet to be named, the tiny offspring is the happy outcome of a successful attempt at artificial insemination using a mix of fresh and 10-year-old frozen semen from Tian Tian. The cub, about the size of a stick of butter, weighed in at a normal 4.8 ounces (137 grams) at birth. Following Chinese tradition, she won't be named until 100 days after her birthday, in early December. She is not expected to go on public view before early next year, although so many people around the world are watching her on the zoo's Internet "pandacam" that viewing time is being limited to 15 minutes.




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German police take 40 children from Christian sect

BERLIN (AFP) - German police on Thursday raided a Christian sect and took away 40 children citing evidence they had been beaten and abused, media reports said. More than 100 police targeted two locations of "The Twelve Tribes" in the southern state of Bavaria, the local Augsburg Allgemeine and Spiegel Online said. The dawn raids followed "new evidence pointing to significant and ongoing child abuse by the members", local officials were quoted as saying. The Christian group, which describes itself as a "spiritual brotherhood", had been in trouble with authorities before for its refusal to send their children to state schools. In all, police withdrew from the community's custody 28 children from one monastery near the town of Deiningen and 12 from a second location, Woernitz. The children were temporarily handed into the care of foster families. Witnesses to the raids were quoted as saying the police had met no resistance from the Christian group, which denied the allegations. Spiegel Online quoted local officials as saying a family court and youth office had received "credible, concrete and actionable information" that the "physical and emotional welfare of the children could be permanently compromised". The US-founded Twelve Tribes said in an online statement: "We are an open and transparent community that does not tolerate any form of child abuse. Our children grow up in a loving environment and are educated in the spirit of charity."

British Vogue tells teens: fashion shoots aren't real



LONDON (AFP) - Their skin is flawless, their make-up perfect and their hair sleek, but to teenage girls hoping to emulate fashion models, British Vogue has a message -- it's not real.

The magazine has made a short film revealing the work required to create fashion shoots, from the teams of make-up artists and stylists, to the digital enhancement and lighting.

It will be distributed free to 13-year-olds in British schools this week in a bid to reassure

young people worried about their appearance that nobody looks that good in real life.

"I decided it might be helpful to show what goes into the creation of a Vogue fashion picture, as a way of illustrating the skill and artifice that makes the final product," said Alexandra Shulman, editor of British Vogue.

She added: "Our mission in Vogue's fashion pictures is to inspire and entertain while showing the clothes created by many highly talented designers. "They are created with this intention in mind, not to represent reality."

"The problem, if there is a problem, comes when people judge themselves and their appearance against the models they see on the pages of a magazine and then feel that in some way they fall short."

The film, narrated by model Jade Parfitt, has been distributed as fashion week starts in New York, kick-starting a month of international catwalk shows.

Mankind's global warming plays role in extreme weather

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Climate change caused by human use of fossil fuels played a role in about a half dozen extreme weather events last year, international scientists said Thursday.

A team of experts examined 12 wild weather episodes in 2012, from droughts in the United States and Africa to heavy rainfall in Europe, Australia, China, Japan and New Zealand.

About half of the hand-picked events showed some sign of being worse than expected due to elements like warmer oceans and hotter temperatures brought on by the rise in greenhouse gas emissions and aerosols in the atmosphere.

The report, called "Explaining Extreme Events of 2012 from a Climate Perspective," was published in the Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society.

The goal of the research effort is to understand whether extreme events are likely to occur more frequently in the future, and "whether their intensity is changing because of natural factors or human caused change," they told reporters.

However, unusual rains in China and Japan, while extreme, did not appear to have a clear link to human-caused climate change.

One of the strongest examples of human influence was seen in an unusual heat wave in the eastern US from March to May 2012. The human contribution to that event was estimated at 35 percent, raising the risk of such a hot spell by 12 times, the report said.

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Facebook in fresh privacy row with new policy

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Facebook is drawing fire from privacy activists again, after unveiling a new policy which could turn users' data and pictures into advertising.

The new plan would "dramatically expand the use of personal information for advertising purposes," said a letter this week to the US

Federal Trade Commission by six privacy organizations.

The letter said the changes violate a 2011 consent order with the US watchdog agency and urged the FTC to "act to enforce its order."

If the changes take effect, the letter said, "Facebook users who reasonably believed that their images and

content would not be used for commercial purposes without their consent will now find their pictures showing up on the pages of their friends endorsing the products of Facebook's advertisers."

Facebook unveiled the changes as part of a settlement of a class action settlement over the use of Facebook user names and images in so-called "sponsored stories."

According to the letter, Facebook's existing policy allowed its users to limit how their name and profile picture may be associated with advertising.

Under the newly proposed policy, Facebook says, "You give us permission to use your name, profile picture, content, and information in connection with commercial, sponsored, or related content."

Activists said this allowed Facebook to turn virtually all user data into advertising.



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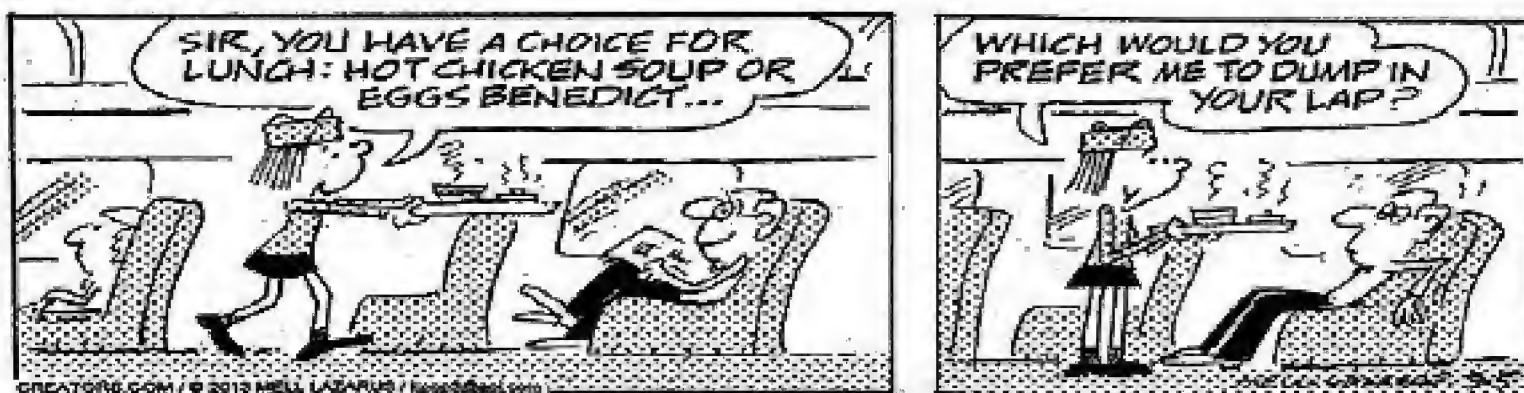
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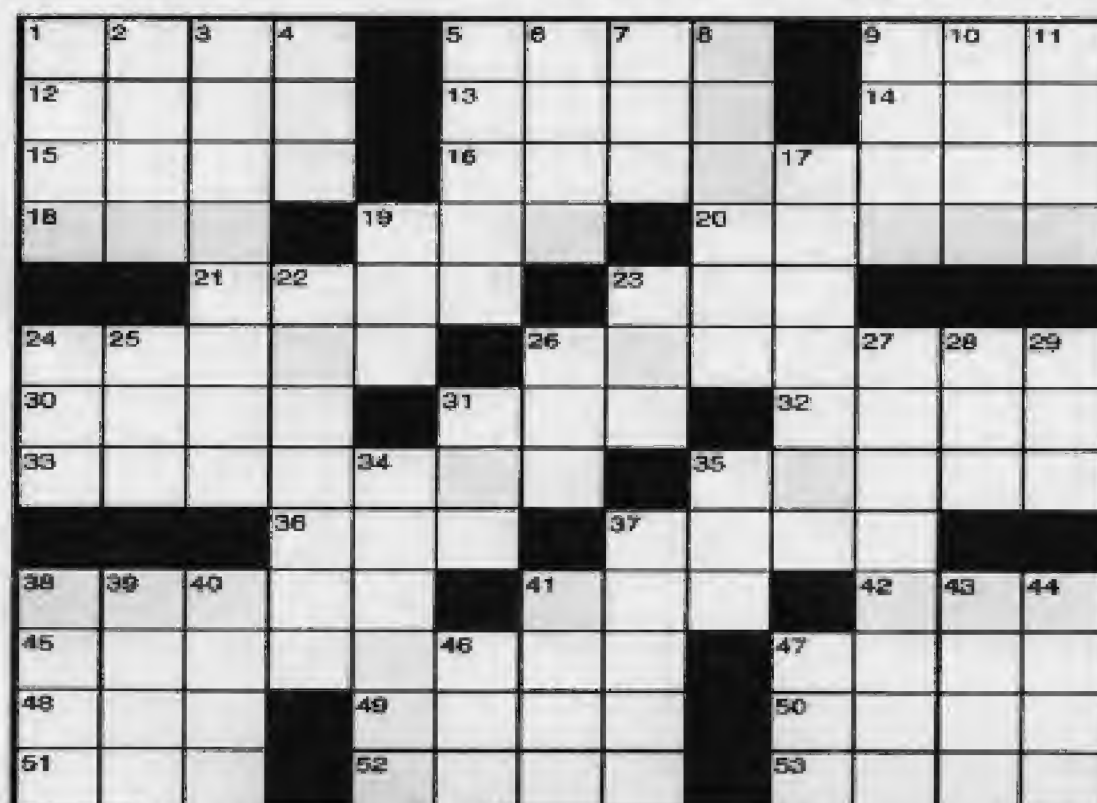
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20. Lassos
21. Location
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31. Seamstress's fastener
32. Dove calls
33. Journalist's publication
35. Singer Judd
36. Wray of film
37. Mickey ___
38. Not liquid or gas
41. Sweetums
42. Oleo container

45. Sales label (2 wds.)
47. Lemon's kin
48. Top card
49. Ballerina's wear
50. Naughty children
51. Mothers, informally
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5. Chief monk
6. Roger Rabbit, e.g.
7. Lennon's

8. Fuel, in London
9. Tab
10. ___ what may
11. Police officers
17. Certain soda-holder (2 wds.)
19. In vogue
22. "South ___"
23. Placed first
24. Basketball gp.
25. Hockey's Bobby ___
26. Diner dessert
27. Midday
28. Male turkey
29. "___ was saying..." (2 wds.)
31. Thickness
34. Plebes
35. Author Anais
37. Become clouded (2 wds.)
38. Hormel's canned concoction
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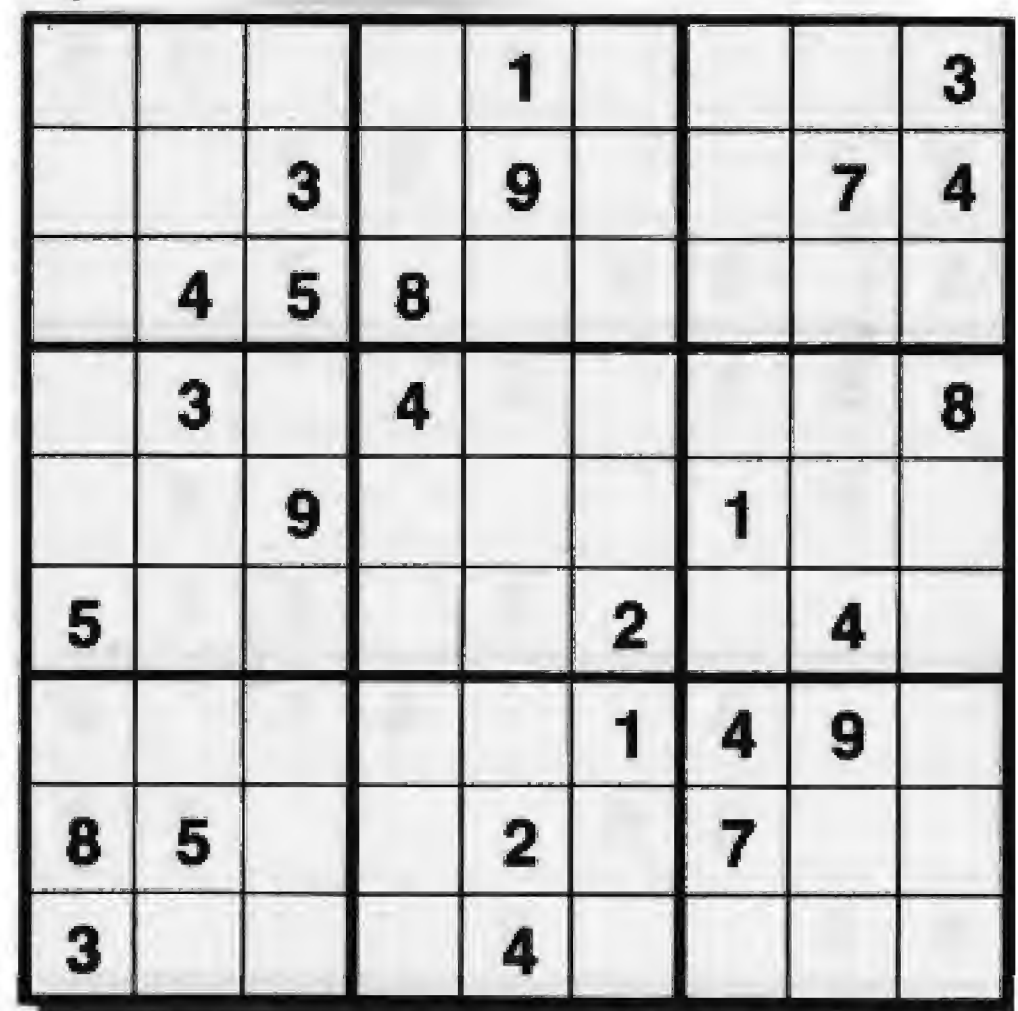
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Verizon plans \$25 bn debt offering: source

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Verizon plans a record \$25 billion debt offering as it gathers financing to buy Vodafone's stake in their Verizon Wireless joint venture, a person familiar with the matter said Thursday.

Verizon Communications is expected to launch the offering in the next week or two, the source said.

The potential bond sale comes as Verizon begins to raise the \$130 billion it needs to take full ownership of Verizon Wireless, the largest US wireless provider.

The partners announced Monday the deal for Verizon to buy the British company Vodafone's 45 percent stake in Verizon Wireless.

"Verizon subscribed a very large bridge loan to pay for the transaction," the person told AFP. "Over the next week or two, they will try to convert that to bonds."

The size of the offering envisioned would surpass Apple's \$17 billion bond sale launched in April. There is a "very good chance this would be the biggest loan emission ever," the source said.

Verizon plans to issue \$60.2 billion in common stock to finance the deal and is expected to raise a similar sum in debt.

Verizon said the increase in cashflow from 100 percent control of Verizon Wireless should enable it to pay back the debt within a few years.

The deal comes amid rising interest rates in the US and other markets.

Verizon chief financial officer Fran Shammo told analysts the company planned to move as quickly as possible.

"The timeline is as short as we possibly can make it and what the market will bear," Shammo said on a conference call Tuesday.

Verizon shares fell 0.7 percent in midday trade on the New York Stock Exchange.

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Better jobs picture points to September Fed taper

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Federal Reserve looks increasingly likely to start tapering its massive bond-buying program soon after economic data point to an improving job market, the central bank's top priority, economists said.

A slew of economic data Thursday showed slow but steady improvement in employment a day before the Labor Department releases its highly anticipated August jobs report.

Talk of the Fed taper since the plan emerged in May has impacted global financial markets, pushing US interest rates higher and sending capital away from emerging markets.

The US central bank's potential scaleback of its \$85 billion a month bond-buying program was expected to dominate the economic agenda of the Group of 20 summit under way in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Data highlighted the continued growth in the world's largest economy. According to the Fed's Beige Book report released Wednesday, growth was "modest to moderate" with employment steady or improved.

Payrolls firm ADP reported private-sector job growth slowed in August but remained in line with the monthly average over the last 12 months.

Businesses added a net 176,000 jobs in August, compared with a revised figure of 198,000 in July.

Mark Zandi, chief economist of Moody's Analytics which helps produce the ADP report, said "it is steady as she goes in the job market."

"There is little evidence that fiscal austerity and health care reform have had a significant impact on the job market," he said.

Weekly unemployment claims, a sign of the pace of layoffs, continued to trend downward at the lowest level in nearly six years.

Initial jobless claims fell by 9,000 to 323,000 in the week ending August 31, the Labor Department reported.

The Fed has made clear that any tapering of the bond-buying program would be dependent on continued broad improvement in the economy.

The services sector, which accounts for most of US economic activity, picked up pace in August, with businesses reporting improving orders and

increased hiring, the Institute for Supply Management said Thursday.

The ISM's purchasing managers index for the non-manufacturing sector rose to 58.6, compared with 56.0 in July and 55.2 at the beginning of the year.

The Labor Department's August jobs report today is the most crucial data for the Fed ahead of the Federal Open Market Committee monetary policy meeting this month.

Analysts expect the Labor Department will report the unemployment rate at a four-year low of 7.4 percent last month, unchanged from July's figure.

Jobs growth was projected to increase modestly, to 177,000 jobs, up from a weak 161,000 in July.

Oil prices rise on Syria, drop in US crude stockpiles

LONDON (AFP) - Oil prices rose Thursday on Syria-fuelled supply concerns and after official data revealed a larger-than-expected drop in US crude inventories, analysts said.

Brent North Sea crude for delivery in October climbed 13 cents to stand at \$115.04 in late London deals.

New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate for October, advanced 96 cents to \$103.19 a barrel.

The US Department of Energy on Thursday said that American crude inventories dropped by 1.8 million barrels last week, higher than the 200,000-fall expected by an-

alysts.

The data comes amid supply concerns after US President Barack Obama this week cleared the first legislative hurdle in his race to win congressional backing for military strikes on Syria.

Chua Hak Bin, economist at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, said high oil prices could hurt economic growth.

"An oil price surge comes at a particularly bad time, when several Asian countries -- particularly India and Indonesia -- are already facing pressures from high inflation, large fuel subsidies, and widening oil-trade deficits," he said in a note to clients.

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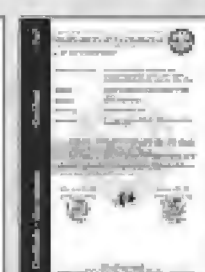
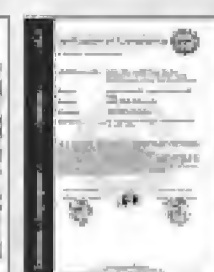
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After 3 decades, Buccaneer is still an island favorite



-- The Buccaneer Restaurant is a legendary favorite from day one that the doors opened 35 years ago. The nautical, laid back restaurant located in-between the high and low rise hotels in Aruba.

The restaurant is owned and run by Josef Munzenhofer, a local Aruban who kept many of the father's traditional recipes and added new entrees. The menu is a wide and varied menu that is focused mainly on fresh caught local seafood dishes and for the not seafood lover's, poultry, lamb, angus cut beef, pasta and duck. On a daily basis the chef creates specials including a daily soup. Every food item on the menu is made from



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scratch every day. Some popular food choices are the "Barracuda Meunière" with a light caper lemon sauce, "Shrimp Trio" your choice of three types of shrimp entrees, "Seduction of the sea" a medley of grilled seafood favorites served with pasta and vegetables, Ceviche & Escargot are among the best sellers for appetizers and if you love rack of lamb with mint sauce than feast on this.

The restaurant has a welcoming, nautical feel with an extensive 18,000 gallon aquarium wall in the main dining room and smaller aquariums at the cozy booth, coastal maps, diving helmet, old fashion compass, shells and the eye stopper bar produced by the owner himself with tables to match, and so much more.

The restaurant location is 11C Gasparito. Making a reservation is easy just call 586-6172 or email us buccaneeraruba@yahoo.com. Planning a party or special event than Buccaneer is the right choice for you. Check-out the website with a video included of the legendary restaurant that stands out from all the rest. The Buccaneer kitchen is open Monday through Saturday 5:30-10:00 pm &



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Happy Hour from 5:30-7:00 pm, closed on Sundays. Buccaneer is known for their reasonable prices and

their along with a top-notch team who have kept satisfied guests coming back.



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Global 2013 smartphone sales to hit 1 billion: survey



Which is your favourite smartphone?

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Global smartphone sales are expected to top one billion in 2013, driven by low-cost handset and gains in emerging markets, a research firm said.

International Data Corp said it sees the smartphone market growing 40 percent this year, and will likely grow to 1.7 billion annually by 2017.

Overall mobile phone sales will grow 7.4 percent, rebounding from a nearly flat year in 2012, IDC said. Total mobile handset sales are expected to be some 1.8 billion, with more than half of that in the smartphone segment.

Smartphone growth is the result of a variety of factors,

including steep device subsidies from carriers, especially in mature economic markets, as well as a growing array of sub-\$200 smartphones.

"Two years ago, the worldwide smartphone market flirted with shipping half a billion units for the first time - to double that in just two years highlights the ubiquity that smartphones have achieved," said Ramon Llanas, IDC's mobile research manager.

"The smartphone has gone from being a cutting-edge communications tool to becoming an essential component in the everyday lives of billions of consumers."

By 2017, smartphones are expected to take over nearly all sales in the most developed economies, according to IDC's Kevin Restivo.

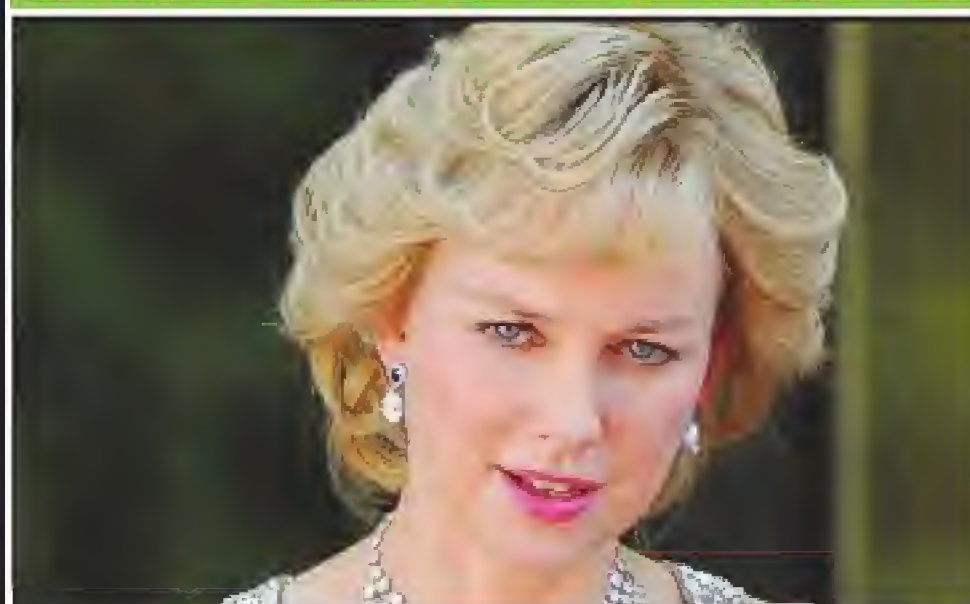
"Aggressive carrier subsidies of handsets, falling prices, higher consumer awareness, and a vast array of devices will mean almost all phones shipped to the developed world will be 'smart,'" he said.

"However, smartphone shipment volume will be dominated by emerging markets, such as China, even though the percentage of smartphones to feature phones won't be as high."

Llanas said the Google Android system will remain the top platform, followed by Apple's iOS.

The IDC forecast indicates Windows Phone market share will increase to 10.2 percent by 2017 from 3.9 percent this year, while Android's share will slip to 68 percent from this year's 75 percent. Apple meanwhile is expected to see modest gains to 17.9 percent from 16.9 percent, IDC said.

Diana film gets premiere



LONDON (AFP) - "Diana", a biopic of the late princess of Wales who died in a Paris car crash, has its world premiere Thursday with its star Naomi Watts already defending her involvement in the controversial film. The movie follows Diana's romance with London-based Pakistani surgeon Hasnat Khan, whom many friends of the princess say was her real love and the man she allegedly called "Mr Wonderful". Based on Kate Snell's 2001 book "Diana: Her Last Love", the film suggests that Diana started dating Dodi Fayed to make Khan jealous -- a claim challenged by many close to the princess. Diana and Fayed died when the Mercedes in which they were travelling slammed into a pillar in a Paris road tunnel in 1997 while being pursued by press photographers. Watts stormed out of a separate interview with BBC radio, apparently because a question offended her. The film has been largely ignored by the royal family. Its producer Robert Bernstein claims the royals gave some help in allowing filming in Kensington Gardens, where Diana used to go jogging, although a spokesman for the royals told AFP the area was not under its jurisdiction.

5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



Delicious Breakfast

--A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and

sundry to their proud undertaking. 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 8 a.m., patrons can now order 2

eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$4.99, (\$5.48 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, with free refills on fresh coffee. A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast, home fries, with complimentary, unlimited coffee for only \$9.99! Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie, so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-



most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato... whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to

watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way- with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open from 8am to 10pm-ish Sunday - Thursday. For those late night diners, 5 Burgers is open until 3AM-ish on Friday & Saturdays! Delivery is available to most Hotels and most beaches! Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by



the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facili-

ties such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property, not the

least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

Visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.



Brazil in sight for European nations, while S. America look to wrap up berth



PARIS (AFP) - Some of Europe's leading nations can clinch qualification for the 2014 World Cup finals in a double-header of fixtures over the next week, starting today.

Four-time world champions Italy, the Netherlands and Germany will all be in a position to book their flights to Brazil, while the situation in all of the continent's nine qualifying groups will become clearer before the final fixtures in October.

Cesare Prandelli's Italy have taken 14 points from a possible 16 in qualifying Group B without ever producing their very best form.

The Azzurri are four points clear of Bulgaria and five ahead of Czech Republic at the top of the group, so wins against both teams in Palermo and Turin in the next week will be enough to confirm qualification.

However, Italy's task against the Bulgarians has been complicated by the absence of several players due to injury or suspension, including Mario Balotelli, while there have also been reports this week that Prandelli will step down after the World Cup finals.

The Netherlands have cruised through Group D so far, winning all six qualifiers, and that run appears unlikely to end when they go to Estonia on today and then Andorra next week, even with Rafael Van der Vaart out injured.

Wins in those games will see them qualify irrespective of what nearest challengers Romania and Hungary -- who meet in Bucharest -- can achieve.

Germany need other results to go their way if they are to stand a chance of sealing first place in Group C this month, with Joachim Loew's side currently five points clear of Austria, Sweden and Republic of

Ireland.

Germany face Austria in Munich's Allianz Arena also today, and wins there and in the Faroe Islands on Tuesday will be enough if Ireland and Sweden slip up.

Germany have only ever lost two games in World Cup qualifying, but Loew has been unhappy with his side's defensive performances in recent times -- including in last month's 3-3 friendly draw with Paraguay -- and is also dealing with a lengthy injury list featuring the likes of Bastian Schweinsteiger, Mario Goetze, Ilkay Gundogan and Lukas Podolski.

Mesut Ozil will be there, however, after a transfer from Real Madrid to Arsenal that Loew described as "incomprehensible" but good for Germany.

Elsewhere today, reigning European and world champions Spain play their first competitive fixture since their Confederations Cup final de-

And they will not be taking Finland lightly after being held to a 1-1 draw when the teams met in Gijon in March.

Coach Vicente Del Bosque is also facing a dilemma in the goalkeeping department, with captain Iker Casillas's place in doubt as he remains on the sidelines at Real Madrid.

"We have replacements who can bring a lot to the team," said Del Bosque. "We can't make excuses because of who is or is not playing."

France's chase of Spain continues with a tough-looking tie in Georgia, where Spain toiled for a 1-0 win last

against Moldova at Wembley, with manager Roy Hodgson confident that his players' minds will not already be on next week's trip to Ukraine.

While in Montevideo, Argentina and Colombia will look to wrap up qualification as South America's battle for places at the finals in Brazil enters the home stretch.

Leaders Argentina have a bye for today's round of fixtures but will be able to guarantee their 11th consecutive World Cup appearance with victory over bottom team Paraguay in Asuncion next Tuesday.

Second-placed Colombia meanwhile will go level on points with the Argentines and

Quito earlier in the qualifiers, and coach Reinaldo Rueda said his grieving squad is still struggling to come to terms with the loss of the striker.

"These last three or four weeks have been very tough and intense, as well as extremely painful," Rueda, whose father passed away shortly before Benitez's death, told FIFA.com in a recent interview.

"I don't know if over time it will be different. Dealing with the grief has been difficult, but you just have to keep going."

Rueda, who is Colombian, also acknowledged he expects to feel mixed emotions as he returns to his homeland as Ecuador manager.

"My feelings are difficult (to reconcile). It will be a conflict from an emotional point of view, even from a family one," he said.

With Ecuador and Colombia setting the pace behind Argentina, where along with Chile they are in pole position to secure one of the top four automatic qualifying places, behind them a fierce battle for fifth is unfolding.

Two-time World Cup winners Uruguay, beaten semi-finalists in 2010, are in a ferocious dogfight to qualify which leaves them with precious little margin for error as they prepare to face Peru in Lima.

Peru could leapfrog over the Uruguayans with a win, which would most likely leave Uruguay needing to take points from their difficult run-in -- against Colombia, Ecuador and Argentina -- to keep their qualifying bid alive.

Uruguay's Paris Saint-Germain striker Edinson Cavani said Today's match in Lima and Tuesday's game against the Colombians in Montevideo could prove decisive.

"Considering where we are in the classification, these two games are going to be key for us," Cavani said.

"Peru have quality but I know we also have the weapons to fight it," added Cavani.



file photo: Colombian football star Carlos "el Pibe" Valderrama

year.

In other matches, Belgium, Switzerland, Portugal and Bosnia-Herzegovina defend leads in their respective

stand on the threshold of a first World Cup appearance for 16 years if they defeat third-placed Ecuador in Barranquilla today.

The Colombians' preparations for their clash with Ecuador have been disrupted by an injury to star striker Radamel Falcao, who twisted an ankle in Monaco's clash with Marseille in Ligue 1 last weekend.

Colombia team doctor Carlos Ulloa said Falcao was responding well to treatment but rated the forward as doubtful for Friday's showdown with their bitter rivals at the Estadio Metropolitano Roberto Melendez.

Today's encounter is likely to be an emotion-filled affair with Ecuador returning to competitive action for the first time since the shock death of popular international Christian Benitez, who died suddenly of heart failure in July.

Benitez scored the winning goal in Ecuador's 1-0 victory when the two sides met in



file photo: deceased Ecuadorean player Christian Benitez

feat to Brazil when they face Finland in Helsinki.

Spain are top of Group I but, with a lead of just one point over France, they still need to win their remaining three fixtures to be certain of a return to Brazil next year.

groups, while Group H leaders Montenegro face a huge test in Poland.

England are two points behind the Balkan nation but have a game in hand and should have few problems



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LJUBLJANA, Slovenia- Spain limited Croatia to 3 points in the final quarter as it began its bid for a third straight European basketball title with a 68-40 victory in Celje, Slovenia. Marc Gasol had 14 points and 11 rebounds. Rudy Fernandez added 15 points, Jose Calderon had 13 and Ricky Rubio had seven assists to go with 7 points. Spain is playing without the stars Pau Gasol, Serge Ibaka and Juan Carlos Navarro.

In other games, a youthful Germany team missing Dirk Nowitzki got 19 points from Robin Benzing in an 80-74 victory over France. Tony Parker had 18 points for



Croatia's Ante Tomic, left, and Bojan Bogdanovic, right, try to block Spain's Marc Gasol



Vassilis Spanoulis (R) of Greece shoots the ball past Joakim Kjelbom of Sweden

France.

Greece rolled past Sweden 79-51 in Group D.

Also, Kyle Johnson scored 22 points and Kieron Achara had 18 points and 13 rebounds to lead Britain to a 75-71 overtime victory over Israel in the first Group A match.

Russia, the bronze medalist two years ago, lost, 76-69, to Italy, which got 25 points from Luigi Datone. Finland stunned Turkey, 61-55, and Britain scored a 75-71 overtime victory over Israel.



BOSTON - David Ortiz stood on second base and looked outward toward the 379-foot marker in center field where his RBI double just landed, the Fenway Park crowd showering the Red Sox' beloved designated hitter with a roaring standing ovation. On a night when the Red Sox hit eight home runs and accumulated 19 hits in a 20-4 victory against the Detroit Tigers, it was Ortiz's double that drew the greatest acknowledgment. It was louder than the ovation Will Middlebrooks received earlier in the sixth inning for clubbing a grand slam over the Green Monster, louder than the ovation Daniel Nava received after hitting a two-run home run that followed Ortiz's double. The hit, the 2,000th of Ortiz's career, extended his fabled chapter in Red Sox history, one highlighted by walkoff playoff heroics and a pair of World Series titles. It was the 41st multi-home run game in Ortiz's career, his 39th with the Sox, a team record, and his 426th and 427th career home runs, which tied Mike Piazza for 46th all-time. At the end of last season, Ortiz signed a two-year, \$26 million deal to return to Boston, and manager John Farrell never doubted Ortiz's ability to produce, even at age 37.

MLB Standings

American League					National League				
East	W	L	Pct	GB	East	W	L	Pct	GB
BOSTON	84	57	.596	—	ATLANTA	85	54	.612	—
TAMPA	77	61	.558	5.5	WASHINGTON	71	68	.511	14.0
YANKEES	75	64	.540	8.0	NY METS	63	75	.457	21.5
BALTIMORE	73	65	.529	9.5	PHILADELPHIA	63	76	.450	22.5
TORONTO	64	76	.457	19.5	MIAMI	52	86	.377	32.5
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	Central	W	L	Pct	GB
DETROIT	81	59	.579	—	PITTSBURGH	81	58	.583	—
CLEVELAND	74	65	.532	6.5	ST. LOUIS	80	59	.576	1.0
KANSAS	72	67	.518	8.5	CINCINNATI	78	62	.557	3.5
MINNESOTA	61	77	.442	19.0	MILWAUKEE	60	79	.432	21.0
CHICAGO	58	82	.406	24.0	CHICAGO	59	80	.424	22.0
West	W	L	Pct	GB	West	W	L	Pct	GB
TEXAS	80	59	.576	—	DODGERS	83	56	.597	—
OAKLAND	80	59	.576	—	ARIZONA	70	68	.507	12.5
LA ANGELES	64	74	.464	15.5	COLORADO	66	75	.468	18.0
SEATTLE	63	76	.453	17.0	SAN FRANCISCO	62	77	.446	21.0
HOUSTON	46	93	.331	34.0	SAN DIEGO	62	77	.446	21.0

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US Open Semifinals:



NEW YORK (AFP) - Gasquet reached his first US Open semi-final on Wednesday with a rollercoaster 6-3, 6-1, 4-6, 2-6, 6-3 win over David Ferrer, the Spanish fourth seed.

Nadal then got past Tommy Robredo 6-0, 6-2, 6-2 in his quarter-final, meaning Gasquet will face the great Spaniard once again on Saturday for a place in Monday's title match.

Gasquet, who is a close friend of the world number two, recalled how he defeated Nadal at the Les Petits As junior event in the French city of Tarbes when they were both just 13.

"I watch it on YouTube sometimes. People are talking about this video. I can see I'm winning against him, but I don't believe it sometimes," said the 27-year-old.

Nadal said he remembered that 1999 defeat -- and the score.

"I lost 6-4 in the the third set. It was a great match and was one of my first international tournaments. It was like the World Cup of junior tennis," he said. "Richard played amazing that day -- it was a great battle for me."

Nadal insisted that despite his overwhelming record against his close friend, he expected Gasquet to come out firing with his razor-sharp, one-handed backhand.

"I expect him to be very good. He's playing a great tour-

namment. Two great wins against Milos Raonic and now against David," he said.

Gasquet, whose only other Grand Slam semi-final appearance was a run to the last four at Wimbledon in 2007, has not taken a set off Nadal in their last five meetings.

But Nadal said his close friendship with Gasquet will survive whatever happens on Saturday.

While today World number one Serena Williams, seeking her 17th Grand Slam title, leads a charge of 31-year-olds into US Open semi-finals, all of them hoping to become the event's oldest women's champion.

Defending champion Williams faces Chinese fifth seed Li Na while Italy's 83rd-ranked Flavia Pennetta will meet second seed Victoria azarenka of Belarus at Arthur Ashe Stadium to determine the finalists for Sunday's title showdown.

Williams, Li and Pennetta are all 31 and would surpass the current age mark of Australian Margaret Court, who was 55 days beyond her 31st birthday when she captured the 1973 crown.

In a shocker at Arthur Ashe Stadium defending champion Andy Murray was ousted from the US Open, falling to Swiss ninth seed Stanislas Wawrinka 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.



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